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1. THE QUESTION PUT TO THE SECRETARY JULY 10 CITING AN AMERICAN-LEBANESE LEAGUE CLAIM THAT THE SYRIAN ARMY HAD KILLED 60,000 LEBANESE WAS MISLEADING, PROBABLY DELIBERATELY SO. 60,000 FIGURE USED BY ALL REFERS TO KILLED IN 1975-76.
2. PHALANGE OFFICIAL ALFRED MADY IN CONVERSATION JULY 11, PUT CIVILIAN CASUALTIES IN EAST BEIRUT FROM SYRIAN SHELLING AT 400 KILLED AND 1,200 WOUNDED.
3. WE HAVE BEEN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT CASUALTIES BY SAYING THAT THERE ARE NO ACCURATE FIGURES, THAT WE DISLIKE GRISLY NUMBERS GAMES, BUT NOTE RELIABLE PRESS OBSERVERS HAVE PUT NUMBER OF KILLED AT 150-200. CHRISTOPHER
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